

24 November 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. At 1200 Saturday I was informed by Mr. Knoche that Mr. McGeorge Bundy's secretary had called Mr. Knoche's secretary asking how to get in touch with Mr. McCone by telephone. I then telephoned Mr. Bundy and informed him that we could get a secure message to Mr. McCone in an hour or two but that the only telephone communication was via ship-to-shore-type radio which was totally insecure. Mr. Bundy indicated that he did not have time for coding and decoding of a message and he could not use the telephone unless it were secure. Accordingly he would drop the matter. I offered the complete facilities of the entire intelligence community and he replied that he did not need it, he could talk only to Mr. McCone. Believing that it might have some bearing on my discussion with Secretary Rusk last night regarding the prisoner of war deal, I asked Mr. Bundy if it was in connection with Donovan because I was current on that matter. He said no, it was a matter he could take up only with Mr. McCone, that no one else would do, and that I could forget about it.

2. I then called Bromley Smith, told him of my prior conversation with Mr. Bundy, told him that the entire intelligence community was waiting for any requirement that might be placed on it but that in the light of Mr. Bundy's comments to me, I must only presume that the matter did not involve intelligence and was not one of concern to the intelligence community. Bromley Smith felt that my presumption was entirely correct.



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